



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PM-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HANCOCK PARK PIT 91 DRAINAGE PROJECT  
AWARD AGREEMENT - SPECS. 6798; C.P. 86722  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT  
YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute an Agreement with URS Corporation to provide consultant services for the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage project for a \$130,785 not-to-exceed fee funded by prior year net County cost and to establish the effective date following Board approval.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Public Works to proceed with a feasibility study for improving project drainage and effluent control to meet current regulatory standards.

The La Brea Tar Pits site is located at 5801 Wilshire Boulevard and contains the Page Museum; Pit 91; other pits; a creek; an oil lake; and various stormwater drainage pipelines, pumps, sumps, and oil-water separators. This area is one of the world's most famous fossil sites, recognized for having the largest and most diverse assemblage of extinct Ice Age plants and animals in the world.

The existing site drainage is adequate for the original design conditions; however, regulations have changed and during high rainfall conditions the existing oil-water separators overflow. This overflow results in oily water getting into the storm drainage system and the County incurring penalties for failure to meet the Regional Water Quality

Control Board (RWQCB) stormwater guideline limits. In order to solve the effluent problem, the entire site drainage must be reviewed and a correction plan developed.

The recommended feasibility study will analyze the existing system and delineate solutions to mitigate potential oily water from discharging into the County storm drain system and to comply with RWQCB limits during heavy rain seasons.

Following the completion of the feasibility study, we plan to return to your Board with recommendations for the extent of the program.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Community Services by improving the quality of life for the residents and Public Safety by increasing the safety and security of all residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended Agreement is for a \$130,785 not-to-exceed fee. Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Project/Refurbishment Budget (C.P. 86722) to award the recommended Agreement.

The total estimated cost of the feasibility study, including County services, is \$220,235 funded by net County cost.

Based on the feasibility study findings, we will return to your Board with final project schedule and budget recommendations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for Contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for award of this Agreement, URS Corporation is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely

Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under Federal income tax laws.

URS Corporation is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Awarding this Agreement will have no environmental impact. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board to request authorization to construct the project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On April 26, 2006, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal to 43 firms to provide a feasibility study for the project. On May 25, 2006, one firm submitted a proposal for evaluation. The proposal was evaluated by a panel of members from Public Works based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, URS Corporation was found to be qualified to perform these services.

As requested by your Board on January 29, 2002, the Request for Proposal included a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Provision. This Contract includes the required COLA language and complies with County policy.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this Contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us website.

URS Corporation has agreed to provide the services for a total \$130,785 not-to-exceed fee. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

Public Works has evaluated and determined URS Corporation fully complies with the requirements of County Code 2.201 (Living Wage Program) and agrees to pay its full-time employees providing County services a living wage.

URS Corporation's Community Business Enterprises participation data and three-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works.

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The Contract requires the consultant to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division) and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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